

PROTEGE OF CHAMP CLARK IS A BRUTAL HAZER

Most Sensational Case Unearthed Against Midshipman Bloebaum By Naval Inquisitors.

The most sensational case unearthed against a midshipman in the navy, during the past few days, has been that of Edward C. Bloebaum, who was a protege of Champ Clark, and who was charged with the murder of a fellow midshipman, John W. Smith, at Annapolis, Md., in 1904.

HOW STATISTICS ARE GATHERED

Keep Commission Submits Report On Methods Employed.

Washington, Jan. 18.—There was an echo of yesterday's storm during a session in the senate today when Mr. Tillman introduced his resolution directing a senatorial investigation into the report of the commission on the methods employed by the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture in estimating crops.

WHY WE ARE AT ALGERIAS

Root Makes the Situation Clear to a House Committee.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Secretary Root has discussed with the subcommittee on house committee on appropriations the situation in Morocco, the subject coming up in regard to the emergency funds for diplomatic services.

TOWN TOPICS HAD PAYING GRAFT ON THE RICH FOLK

Write Up In "Fads and Fancies" Cost Up to \$10,000—Refusal to Take Them Meant Roasts.

New York, January 18.—Judge Joseph A. Deal of the court of special sessions, who took umbrage at an article written by Collier's Weekly about his connection with Town Topics while holding a position on the bench and 1902, has been roasted by the publication.

PACKERS' CASE UP AGAIN

Day Is Put In Hearing Arguments On Immunity From Prosecution.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 18.—The trial of the special pleas of J. Gordon Armour and other packers and attorneys, now under indictment for gunning the trade and commerce of the United States district court.

ALDERMEN SUPPORT DUNNE

CHICAGO VOTES THIS SPRING

MARSHALL FIELD PAYS LAST DEBT

Chicago's Merchant Prince Died At The Holland House in New York City At Four P. M.

WORLD'S GREATEST MERCHANT

Beginning in Humble Way
He Died a Multi-millionaire.

HIS CAREER IN CHICAGO

One Reverse Came at the Time of the Great Fire.

New York, Jan. 18.—Marshall Field, the millionaire merchant, died at the Holland House in New York City at four p. m. today, after a long illness.

His death was the result of a long illness which began about a month ago. He had been in poor health for some time, and his condition had been steadily improving since he left his bed in New York City.

His death was a great loss to the city of Chicago, where he had lived for many years. He was one of the most successful merchants of his time, and his death was a great blow to the city.

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ing that the acts making the eight hour and the Chinese exclusion law applicable to the canal zone must be repealed if the situation is to be met economically and the canal built within a reasonable time.

Sanitary and labor conditions on the isthmus were the chief subjects considered today, practically all the afternoon session being devoted to the latter. Stevens described the negro laborer from Martinique and Jamaica, as shiftless and incompetent to such an extent that payment of a small wage for an eight hour day is proving an extravagance. He declares that repeal of the eight hour law, so far as it applies to the canal zone, is a necessity and that it would be beneficial to legislate so that the Chinese exclusion act will not apply to the zone.

He said such legislation would be in the interest of the American laborer as the canal is to be built by contract. It was his opinion that the commission is getting matters in shape so that a good savings can be made to compare with the cost of the canal.

TRAGEDY DUE JEALOUSY

W. H. Brandt Kills Wife, Her Alleged Paramour Then Himself.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 16.—W. H. Brandt, shot and killed his wife and her alleged paramour, at Chicago last night. He then killed himself.

Brandt was jealous of his wife's relations with a man named Adams, who was a wealthy farmer and politician of Wright county and who lived near the Brandt family.

The Brandt family moved to Chicago from Iowa last year. A four-year-old son of the dead couple stayed at J. McDonald's home during the night.

Brandt was lying in bed when he was shot. He was lying on his back, and his head was resting on a pillow. He was shot in the head, and the bullet entered his brain.

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SHUT OFF SALOON LICENSE

Judge Sutton Orders Wholesale Cancellation in the City of Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 18.—As a result of the efforts of the Civic Federation to enforce the midnight and Sunday closing provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Act, Judge Sutton in the district court today ordered cancellation of the licenses of 17 of the 26 saloons in this city. Saloonmen intend to contest the order and take steps for strict enforcement of the Sunday laws against all kinds of business.

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MILITIA CALLED OUT AT MILFORD

Threatened Lynching of Negro Causes Hasty Action by Governor.

Milford, Del., Jan. 18.—A hurry call for the militia was sent to the governor tonight to prevent a mob from getting into a jail to take out a negro accused of attempting to assault Miss Eliza Moore, a school teacher, near here. The negro has been identified by the woman. Troops at Wilmington have been ordered to prepare to come on a special train should the mob refuse to disperse.

SENATE CONFIRMS PARKER AS JUDGE

St. Louisian Secures Indian Territory Appointment After Bitter Contest.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Judiciary committee of the senate has reported favorably the nomination of Lyman B. Parker, Jr., of St. Louis, to be judge of the United States court for the Northern District in Indian Territory, and the senate promptly confirmed him.

No appointment in years aroused such a fight as this.

Parker's father, who is Assistant General Counsel for the Price Road, came to Washington and brought much influence to bear on the case. Senators of both parties, and several leading railroad attorneys were strong friends of Parker.

PRINTERS ARE GAINING GROUND

Stereotypers and Electrotypers Cut Their Orders.

New York, Jan. 18.—Union stereotypers and electrotypers were today ordered by their employers not to make plates for non-union set type. This class of men employed in five big concerns immediately struck. Typographic officials say the new strike will cause no inconvenience.

The American Bible House, an independent, today signed the union agreement for the eight-hour day.

PRINTERS IN MINNESOTA

Strike May Mean Special Session of State Legislature.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 18.—The strike of the printers to enforce the eight-hour day may result in the calling of a special session of the Minnesota legislature. Last session the legislature enacted a revision of statutes, which goes into effect March 1. The printing was undertaken by a local firm, but when the strike came on and it was apparent the work would be delayed the local people sent the work to Milwaukee to be put into type. The Milwaukee union printers have refused to work on the job. The statehouse officials say the laws must be ready for distribution before March 1st or a special session of the legislature must be called to extend the date when the new laws shall go into effect.

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Bird's Eye View of Central Illinois

\$10,000 SLANDER SUIT
A Christian County Farmer Accuses Another of Stealing Hog.

PRODUCED A FIGHT

Taylorville, Jan. 16.—In the circuit court today by his attorneys, Hogan & Wallace, W. C. Morton, a farmer of Assumption, township, instituted suit against his neighbor, Aaron Robinson, for \$10,000 damages for slander.

Several months ago Morton and Robinson had a squabble over a hog which Robinson said Morton stole from him. Robinson circulated the report that Morton was an ordinary hog thief, and the latter, meeting Robinson, shot a rock at him.

For this offense Morton was indicted by the grand jury and at the present term of court was fined \$150 and costs for assault with a deadly weapon.

Morton's bill of particulars has not yet been filed, but the suit will be based upon the statements of Robinson that he stole a hog.

COMMERCIAL COURSE IS INTRODUCED

Pekin Board of Education Introduces It in Public School.

Pekin, Jan. 18.—The Pekin school board has decided to add a commercial course of study to the high school and Miss Thorn of the Commercial department of Duquoin, Mich., has been engaged to take charge of this new department, which opened today. There has been a demand in Pekin for this course of study and it is for the benefit of the large number of students desiring this commercial department that the board has decided to add it to the course of study.

PANA CASE UP AGAIN.

Woman Charged With Doping Her Daughter Has Returned.

Peoria, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Gail, the woman who last week tried to take her daughter away from the residence of Rev. Mr. Walther, is in Peoria again. She is accompanied by one of her sons.

They have a signed statement from Mr. Anderson, the girl's father, to deliver the girl to her mother, and she says if her daughter is not allowed to return with them she will place Rev. Walther under arrest for kidnapping. She charges the adoption contract was void when the girl was taken to the state without the consent of her father.

Would Abolish Fee System.

Quincy, Jan. 18.—A petition is being circulated in Adams county, praying that the fee system of paying the state's attorney be abolished and that his salary be a stipulated salary. The petition must have the signatures of 2000.

New Bank for Owanesco.

Taylorville, Jan. 18.—J. A. Ward of Owanesco was in the city today and said that Owanesco was to have a new bank in the spring. At least he said that was the rumor on the streets.

Work on this structure will be begun just as soon as a franchise has been granted by the council.

Mr. Fischer, general manager of the company, stated this morning that his company has all of the materials ready for the bridge and that the machinery for the proposed new power house is now in process of manufacture.

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IT'S LOT WARE'S TURN TO LAUGH

THREE HUNDRED BARRELS DAILY

Good Oil Well Brought in at Casey by Eastern Man.

Casey, Jan. 18.—The well brought in Saturday on the Green farm and owned by Frank Rust, an eastern operator, is proving to be one of the best producers struck. It is the first well in the territory, and was a "wild cat" venture by Mr. Rust. Pumping was begun last night and the well is making 300 barrels a day. The operators are rushing to this territory endeavoring to secure leases.

MODERN MAGI IS MERGED

Becomes a Part of the Bankers' Endowment Company.

Galesburg, Jan. 18.—Negotiations practically have been consummated for the Modern Magi, a fraternal society, organized in this city two years ago, to be taken over by the Chicago Bankers' Endowment association, which will guarantee all policies and the payment of claims against the Modern Magi. The Modern Magi has made a rapid growth in Illinois since its organization, now having councils in thirty cities and towns, with a total membership of 2,000. Under the new regime the Modern Magi will be distinct from the Bankers' Endowment association, but will be placed on a sound financial basis.

For the present the supreme office will remain in Galesburg and most of the supreme officers.

MCKINLEY IN CONTROL

Peoria Street Railway Property Passes into Syndicate's Hands.

Peoria, Jan. 18.—The McKinley syndicate formally took over all of the property and rights of the Central Peoria street railway company this afternoon at the meeting of directors. Present at the meeting as representatives of the McKinley interests were: Hon. William B. McKinley, president of the McKinley syndicate; George M. Matz, treasurer; George C. Gier, attorney; and L. E. Fischer, general manager.

The old directors of the company are Walter Barker, J. B. Greenhalgh, Samuel Woolner, Jr., H. J. Woodward, Jesse Barker, D. M. Cummings, Chicago; Franklin T. Corning and John Finley.

Further plans for the improvement of the street car service were not permanently adopted, but the officials gave the assurance that important developments will be made and, in this connection, stated that a bridge across the Illinois river at Walnut street will probably be in operation by October 1.

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J. E. SHARROCK MAY BE DYING

Is in a Sanitarium in Jerseyville at Point of Death.

Taylorville, Jan. 18.—Mr. Thornton C. Torrence has gone to Jerseyville to attend the bedside of the Hon. James E. Sharrock of Taylorville, who is lying at the point of death at a sanitarium at Jerseyville.

His friends here will be surprised and alarmed at the news.

IT'S LOT WARE'S TURN TO LAUGH

Jury Gives Him Verdict Replevin Suit and One Cent Damages.

PRISONER AT THE BAR

Powers Damage Suit Again Heard by a Jury.

In the circuit court yesterday the Ware-Souders trial came to another end. The next question is will it be ended. It was a replevin suit over a team of skates and a wagon. First was heard in the justice court where the justice decided that he lacked jurisdiction to decide a case of such magnitude and it was taken to the circuit court. There Souders secured the rights of the property and a verdict of one cent damages. Ware appealed the case and the court reversed it and sent it back for a new trial. At the last sitting of the circuit court the jury disagreed. Yesterday a jury which had heard the case the day before, after being out perhaps half an hour, returned a verdict for Ware and fixed his damages at one cent. That is enough to put the costs on Souders, and all of the costs in this case will actually amount to as much as the total value of the property about which there has been so much contention.

Powers Case.

The case of William Powers vs. the M. & C. Coal Co. is being heard by the jury. At the last term of court there was a hearing of this case and the verdict was for the defendant company. A new trial was granted on a showing that there had been improper evidence offered for the defense. Powers seeks to recover \$5,000 because of injuries sustained in an accident in the mine.

All of the prisoners but Anna Smith, charged with killing her child, were arraigned in court yesterday and with the exception of Earl Parmenter, accused of burglary, all of the prisoners entered pleas of not guilty. The court did not pass sentence upon Parmenter. The prisoners and their pleas were: G. W. M. Livingston, grand larceny; not guilty.

Thomas Flemming, forgery and attempting to pass a forged check; not guilty.

Frank Mohanney, burglary and grand larceny; not guilty.

Thodore Bulz, burglary and petit larceny; not guilty. Attorney H. Pasco appointed to defend.

Billy Durham, burglary and grand larceny; not guilty. Attorney J. R. Fitzgerald will defend him.

Rube Whitaker, robbery and horse stealing; not guilty. Attorney R. E. Gray will defend him.

Robert Dodge, four indictments, grand larceny and burglary; not guilty; C. C. Leforgoe and O. C. Adams will defend.

Pierce Culp, Roy Jones and William Stevens, burglary; not guilty. C. C. Leforgoe will defend Culp and Jones.

James J. Evans, forgery and uttering forged papers, and petit larceny; not guilty.

William Danahard, grand larceny and horse stealing; not guilty. Attorney C. J. Schell appointed to defend.

Charles Barber, indicted with Robert Dodge for burglary at the Union Pacific Tea store and Key's grocery store; not guilty. L. H. Shelley appointed to defend.

Charles King and Monroe Hammond, two counts each for burglary and petit larceny; not guilty. C. C. Walters appointed to defend King. Hammond will get an attorney this week.

Charles Zisch, assault with intent to murder; not guilty. William Kish was also indicted on the same charge but has not been arrested.

Earl Parmenter, burglary. Plea of guilty entered.

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JOHN SHANKS BURIED

Funeral Held There Tuesday. Special to The Herald.

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NEARBY TOWNS

JOHN SHANKLIN BURIED AT MACON

John Shanklin, who died at Macdonald, Tenn., on Sunday, was buried at Macdonald, Tenn., on Monday.

His funeral was held at Macdonald, Tenn., on Sunday, and was attended by a large number of friends.

He was a native of Macdonald, Tenn., and had resided there for many years.

He was a member of the Methodist church, and was a very active worker in the same.

He was a very kind and generous man, and was loved by all who knew him.

He was a very successful farmer, and was a very well-to-do man.

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H. J. Schwartz and J. M. Pollard visited in Decatur Sunday.

Miss Edith Wells will teach the Monday school near Mansfield.

Mrs. Robert Montgomery of Assumption returned home Saturday after visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cole.

Rev. B. Jones of Sodus visited here Sunday.

Elmer Brandenberg, who is attending school in Decatur, spent Sunday with his parents.

Miss Fleta Wood returned Monday from a week's visit with relatives in Decatur.

WAPELLA.

Wapella, Jan. 18.—Rev. Van H. Poole, pastor of the Congregational church, officiated at a service in the church on Sunday morning.

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OF TWO YEARS AGO

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Secret Societies

K. of C. Smoker.

The Catholic Knights of Columbus will hold a smoker this evening at the lodge room. The purpose is the raising of interest in a new class for initiation. The Knights are privileged to invite whom they wish. It is hoped to work up a big class for initiation within the next few months.

White Cross.

The local order of the White Cross has selected the following delegates to the state council at Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 20-21-22: Attorney J. L. Decker, Dr. J. M. Wallace of Birmingham and Dr. R. M. Little of East St. Louis. They will represent this district in the convention on Saturday.

Oliver Branch Camp.

At the regular meeting of Oliver Branch Camp No. 218 B. N. of A. which was held Monday evening, the K. of C. hall in the Powers block the institution of officers was held as follows: Orator—A. J. Alsup.

Meeting.

Barber—There will be a meeting of the barbers at the Odd Fellows hall on North Main street this (Wednesday) evening. Business of importance and installation of officers.

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Death Came Early Tuesday
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WAS BRAVE SOLDIER

And Highly Respected Resident of This City.

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Entered at the postoffice at Decatur, Ill., second class matter. Address communications to THE HERALD, Decatur, Ill.
The English editions are developing into a handbook for the abroad.
It's all off. The Spaniards salute the American flag and American ships that entered Spanish waters Monday.
Chairman Payne says the Philippine bill will pass, but there are some others who have all along been telling us it will not pass. Being a house measure, it will be voted on at least.
The De Witt family's institute now in session at Clinton is one of the best held in this locality. The management is second to none of the best available talent and every hour is an hour of interest.
Lawyer Patrick, who was sentenced to death as the result of being charged with the murder of W. M. Rice, has been given another chance to get around the Sing Sing discrediting machine.
The Cleveland dentist, L. W. Pyle, who had the decency to commit suicide about the time his defuncts could no longer be hidden, bids fair to beat out a Dougherty. They have at this time figured up a million against him and the end has not been reached.
Senator Culberson's statement to the people before he went south for his health to the effort that he was not sick but was making no show progress in his recovery from a spell of sickness due to the climatic influences of Washington and the amount of work he was compelled to do will be accepted as a statement of the facts. Washington is probably the worst city in the country at this season of the year for anyone who is recovering from any malady affecting the nervous membrane. All will expect a marked improvement in the senator's health in Florida.
POSTOFFICE EXPENSES.
The report of the auditor for the postoffice for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, which was just recently published and circulated, shows the following receipts and partial expenditures by the postoffice having free delivery in this part of Illinois:

Gross Pmts.	Expenses	Per Ct. Per Ct.	Per Ct.	
Bloomington	\$ 15,308.77	\$21,113.57	45.39	54.70
Champaign	31,220.48	16,523.97	52.90	47.10
Clinton	12,555.45	11,652.56	89.00	11.00
Donville	10,611.48	9,505.10	89.60	10.40
Decatur	50,670.28	27,736.65	54.90	45.20
Lincoln	81,798.74	31,358.84	38.34	61.66
Marion	17,515.48	11,810.01	67.60	32.40
McCook	21,247.89	14,508.72	68.00	32.00
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Springfield	124,871.61	55,001.15	45.00	55.00
Urbana	18,892.68	11,940.43	64.00	36.00

It will be noticed by this table that the percentage of expense in the Decatur office is less than that of any other office in the list and that the percentage of the total receipts turned into the government as profits is greater than any office in the list.
The total receipts of the Bloomington office and the Decatur office are nearest alike of the larger offices. The Bloomington office has a public building and therefore pays no rent. The Decatur office has no building and pays \$1,500 per annum rent, and yet the per cent of expenses in the Decatur office is 58.34 as against 45.36 for the Bloomington office and the profits are 41.66 as against 54.70 for the Bloomington office.
Quite recently a statement was published in several papers in which the figures were confused and which showed the Decatur office as turning in but 34 per cent of the receipts as profits, as against 54 per cent for Bloomington and 42 for Danville.
This is manifestly an error as the table shows. The Decatur office during the fiscal year remitted to the treasury over its expenses \$46,150.42. This amount subtracted from the total receipts shows the expenses some what greater than the auditor's report shows, but this is true of all the offices in the table and in the entire country, because the auditor has not listed all the expenses for the last fiscal year.
The Decatur office paid out, as an item of expense during the year, \$5,112.77 to transfer clerks and railway postal clerks who do not belong

to the Decatur office but who are paid by the office on the order of the department. This is probably true of the Bloomington and Springfield offices also. Yet notwithstanding this the Decatur office stands first in this part of Illinois in the matter of turning the greatest per cent of its gross receipts as profits. The profits of the Decatur postoffice would pay for an adequate government building here in less than four years. The facts are that it is paying for a public building in some other city every year, while it does without a building and pays rent.

SOME INSURANCE FACTS.
Collier's in its current issue presents some insurance statistics which must appeal to the interests of every American policyholder. It says: "Louis Brandeis, counsel for the protective committee of policyholders in the Equitable Life Assurance society, gives some almost appalling figures. In the 61 life companies alone there were, a year ago, \$1,982,352 outstanding policies, for \$12,228,193.754, or a sum greater than the actual value of all the steam railroads in the United States. The assets are more than three times the aggregate capital of all the 5,231 national banks in the United States, and the total income of these insurance companies is greater than the total revenue of the United States government. The numberless assessment companies and external benefit societies also provide life insurance. When the legal reserve companies insure, in the main, persons of small means, performing essentially the function of savings banks. The large company advertises with pride its million-dollar policies, but in 1901 the average size of the policy in the Equitable was \$2,618; in the Mutual Life of New York, \$2,351, and in the New York Life only \$2,078. In the Metropolitan and in the Prudential, which join with the ordinary life insurance business the specialty of insuring working people, the average policy is only \$183 and \$188, respectively. In spite of the large policies held by a few individuals, the life insurance of this country is in the main held by what we term the people—that large class which every system of business and of government should seek to protect."
"A special danger in these vast accumulations is that they are 'quick capital.' And here Mr. Brandeis' words are of special timely value. One billion two hundred and forty-seven thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight dollars, the assets of the big three, is a vast amount, but the control over Brandeis matters exercised by these three companies is out of all proportion to this sum. Even in combinations like the steel trust, the Standard Oil, the beef trust, and the great railway combinations, a mere 1 per cent of the capital of these great combinations is permanently invested, mainly in land, buildings, machinery, railroads, and these manufacturing and transportation companies are directly dependent, therefore, for their prosperity, upon the prosperity of the country. The life insurance companies, on the other hand, not only are not dependent on prosperity, but reap certain benefits from adversity. The securities they already hold are not imperiled and they can purchase new ones to better advantage. Mr. Brandeis is a conservative and sound lawyer, and he calls the insurance companies the greatest economic menace of our day."
"Federal regulation is a remedy for insurance evils receives rough treatment from the council for the policyholders of the Equitable. The sole effect, he says, would be to free the companies from the careful scrutiny of some states, and it is fitting that a bill for this purpose should have been introduced by Senator Dryden, president of the Prudential, which pays to stockholders annual dividends equivalent to 210.75 per cent for each dollar paid in on the stock, which devotes itself to insuring workmen at an expense of over 32.70 on every dollar of premiums paid; which in 1904 made the worst record of lapses and surrendered policies; and which wishes to get rid of such trouble as was made for it three years ago by the insurance commissioner of Massachusetts. The remedies most favored by Mr. Brandeis are: Discontinuance of deferred dividends; abolition of lavish payments of salaries and agents' commissions; prohibition of forfeitures; prescription by law of standard forms of policies; restriction of investments; restrictions on the executive officers with regard to their private enterprises; publicity and clearness in accounts and limitations upon size of companies."

"The insurgents did not follow the old warning, 'Don't play poker with strangers.'"

"Those who have kept their resolutions to the present had better stick to them during the entire year and be better and happier."

"They seem to want a young man to succeed President Harper and the chances are that Rockefeller, having been running into every part of the country, can produce the goods."

"It may not be in order to raise the question at this time but it is not out of place to suggest that nothing has been heard of La Follette since Spooner laid him down in the senate aisle to take the oath."

THE INSURGENTS.
Where are the insurgents? The Philippine bill charging 25 per cent of the duty rates on sugar, tobacco and rice, imported from the Philippines into

the United States has passed the house. The vote was: Yeas, 253; nays, 71. The insurgents furnished 57 of the votes against the bill and the democrats 14. A week ago word came that under the leadership of Bailew some 70 odd republicans had made an agreement with the democrats to defeat the Philippine bill. This has proved a rank failure as all the democrats except 14 voted with the majority and left the republican insurgents a ragged squad forlorn and alone. There will be few to mourn their fate. They became wiser than their party and deserted to the enemy, where all men go who suddenly become superior in judgment to their party. There is one fully however that these deserters have not yet committed, namely, they are not claiming that they are the republicans and the loyal fellows are the republicans. This is in their favor because it is usual for deserters to set up this sort of claim to throw dust in the eyes of the by-standers. It is well at the beginning of this congress that these gentlemen have received the lesson. They will trouble nobody the remainder of the session. The democrats led them on until they induced them to break over the party traces and then left them standing alone. They will not repeat the spectacle during this session of congress and most of them will not get a look-in on the next congress. The people like a fair deal. They like consistency and they will leave a great many of these gentlemen at home where they will not misrepresent the consistency that elected them.

COMMERCE VS. PROTECTION.
It does not seem likely, says the San Francisco Chronicle, that there will be an outbreak in the coming congress of the never-ending contest between protection and free trade, unless final action of Germany in withdrawing from our products the benefit of the most favored-nation clause in our treaty should force congress to take measures to protect Americans in the practice of their time-honored and settled policy of impartial trade with all the world. This should have been attended to long ago. There are several European countries which discriminate against us, but the amount of trade involved seems not to have been sufficient to arouse congress to act. In fact, under the American state department construction of the most-favored-nation clause, we have no grounds for complaint against discriminations against us for which the nation receiving the benefit of them pays in other discriminations also against us. It is time that congress itself took a hand in the matter and established by law the principle that since we give to all nations our minimum rates of duty we shall punish all countries which do not reciprocate in kind by the imposition of a substantial surtax on their products. The trade with Germany is large, and if German tariff action becomes aggressive congress may at last wake up to the importance of doing what should have been done long ago.

The contest between protection and free trade is really a contest between production and merchandising—restrained by some of the transportation interests. Production is of far more consequence to any nation than commerce, because its operations support a much greater number of people. In producing a thousand dollars' worth of merchandise and advancing it to a point ready for consumption it will be found that probably from 50 to 80 per cent of that thousand dollars has been expended for labor. If, then, that product is transported to the consumer and sold to him it will be found that upon the average labor receives a comparatively small portion of the added value. It is for that reason that all wise nations, and none more vigorously than Germany, endeavor to concentrate all possible production within their boundaries. The increased production thus provided for makes the market for the bulk of what they all produce, and the surplus only enters into foreign commerce. The United States is by far the greatest producing country in the world, and yet our foreign commerce is comparatively small because of our prodigious consumption. Of course we desire to sell all we can abroad, but protectionists insist that we should under no circumstances do that at the expense of a falling off in production, because that would mean the loss of support for two families while we should get in return support for perhaps one family.

That, however, does not at all suit the importing and exporting class which control most of our great commercial cities. They wish to see goods move both ways, and give them a profit each way. So do the steamship lines, mostly foreign. So, possibly, do some unprotected interests which export, because loads both ways lower freight rates. And it is the conflict of these interests which we know as the contest between protection and free trade.

CULLUM AND DENEEN.
Cullum is the senior senator for Illinois and is a candidate to succeed himself. Deneen is the governor of the state. Both are republicans. Neither one is after the other's position and yet the public has been cautiously taken around the corner every few days and told confidentially, as a matter of inside information, that war has been declared between these two men. This has been so often repeated that there are a great many republicans who believe it and are anxiously waiting to be ordered into the fight. They have waited a good while, however, and yet the assembly has not been sounded. On the other hand when one looks for the cause of this much advertised war and the motives which possibly lie behind it one is disappointed. There is no speech by either. There is no letter

by either to offend the other. They visit each other, have had consultations and are uniformly courteous to each other yet in spite of the absence of all these things, supposed to be in evidence before real war begins, we are told for the thousandth time that the opening gun will be fired soon. Thus far the only reason assigned why there must be a trial of strength between the senator and the governor is that the senator and his friends generally supported Lowden for governor and Deneen was nominated and is now governor. There are a great many leaders and influential republicans who cannot see way any ill feeling should result from such a situation. In fact there is no reason why the adjournment of a convention should not close the incident. As a matter of fact it does except in the imagination of a class of republicans who cannot be active except when their capacity for petty spite or their prejudices are aroused to a pitch where they can be against some other republican and looking for an opportunity to apply the knife.

It is apparent now that if there is no ill feeling between these two republicans a lot of gentlemen will be disappointed. It is to be hoped there will be this disappointment and the chances are ten to one there will be. Both are sensible men. Both are good republicans seeking to serve the party's interests and preserve harmony. Cullum's friends up to date are Deneen's friends and the latter's true friends are friendly to the senator.

Some of the same people who have been giving us the war news for a long time are now warring against a different story—from the outposts. A Washington correspondent to the Chicago Tribune tells us that Cullum and Deneen understand each other and are working in harmony to prevent a factional division in the party; that the appointment of Fred Buse as postmaster was the result of an understanding between the governor and the senator that it would be conducive to the harmony of the party in Chicago. The same correspondent goes further and says that matters are getting hot in Washington and that Cullum and Deneen have lined up against Hopkins and Lorimer in the federal patronage for Chicago. He says Hopkins and Lorimer are trying to force the appointment of one Cook for United States marshal and that Cullum has served notice on these gentlemen that he is not for Cook; that he will not be for him for that or any other office because he is objectionable to him and also to Deneen. We are also told by the same correspondent that Cullum and Deneen are for Luman T. Hoy for marshal and for the reappointment of Hertz and for Eames for collector of the port. It is understood, so says this correspondent, that this arrangement is satisfactory to the governor. This is probably true, and if true it ends all the talk of war between Cullum and Deneen. So there you are.

The only war cloud therefore in the horizon and there must be a war cloud somewhere with some people—is the sign of war between Hopkins and Lorimer on the one side and Cullum and Deneen on the other. The chances are, however, that this cloud will also fade away and the Chicago appointments will be adjusted satisfactorily to all interests and there will be no war, and the people themselves will settle at the primaries, the things referred to them, and the senators will amicably adjust the things which belong to them, and the governor will attend to the things committed to him, and the seasons will come and go and the discoverers of the signs of war will draw their salaries with undisturbed regularity.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.
The Philippine rebels in the house had to take their medicine just like those in the island did.

That a man may die possessed of millions and still be in the respect of his fellowmen is shown in the case of Marshall Field.

Senator Brackett's fight on Senator Depew had the united support of Senator Brackett.

Ex-Governor Odell has gone abroad, that is what's of him has gone.

Judge Gary of Chicago has decided that a wife is a luxury. Twelve thousand and Chicago husbands who have deserted wives evidently hold to the same opinion.

It is not more polite that Chicago wants to check crime, its more representative in the penitentiary.

The suggestion to make President Roosevelt the successor of President Harper did not awaken in the chief executive a wild desire to resign his present place.

In resigning his editorship at Annapolis Minor Meriwether overlooked the fact that he is a prisoner there for a year.

If the statehood insurgents can't put up a better front than the Philippine insurgents they might as well capitulate before the battle begins.

The English voters are cracking a Balfour head whenever they see it.

A New York magistrate says Gotham is in worse criminal condition than Chicago. This may be true but its hard realization.

As a forger Mr. Prior kept busy up until the moment he had to go out and put a bullet in his head.

Mrs. Chadwick has become a laundress in the Ohio penitentiary. She can wash the stains out of the linen but not out of her name.

The April and March weather is being doled out to us now. The winter weather will come in their place later on.

In submitting his brief to the supreme court the attorney for Mr. Rogers

says: "The attention of the court is especially directed to the sensational manner of conducting the hearings upon this examination, the details of which are set forth in the affidavit of the witness. They disclose the unprofessional deposition of the room in which the hearing was held was by anticipation crowded with representatives of the press and photographers." It is so unnatural for the Standard Oil company to be exposed to the glare of publicity that it is really hard to become accustomed to it all of a sudden.

Let's see what has become of that man La Follette who was formerly governor of Wisconsin and daily occupied large gobs of space in the daily press.

MANY FRIENDS THERE
Funeral Services for Col. J. W. Redman Held Wednesday Afternoon.

BURIAL OCCURS TODAY
The funeral of the late Col. J. W. Redman was held Wednesday afternoon from Reintlinger's undertaking rooms on East Main street. The services were in charge of Rev. Charles Bayard Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and the members of Dunham Post, No. 141, G. A. R., were also in attendance.

The officiating minister was Dr. S. H. Bowyer, pastor of the First Baptist church, and the music was given by a choir composed of Mrs. Henrietta McNulta, Miss Probst and Warren Stadler. Mr. Bowyer made a few remarks in which he referred to the life of Col. Redman and the suddenness of his death. In addition to the religious services the K. of P. held their ritual services.

There were a number of floral offerings, one a design from the lodge. The black casket in which was the body was placed in front of a bank of palms and above it was a large American flag.

Wednesday night the body was taken to Hinsdale, Ill., for burial. The pall bearers were J. W. Carter, W. F. Neisler, John Allen, Neil Dew, S. L. Payne and S. F. Perry.

Vera Linquist.
The funeral of Vera, the 10-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Linquist, was held at 2 o'clock Wednesday from the family home, 1022 West Forest avenue. The services were conducted by Rev. H. Peters, pastor of the English Lutheran church and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

Matilda Wagner.
The funeral of Mrs. Matilda Wagner will take place at 9 o'clock Friday morning from St. James' German Catholic church. Father Teppe will have charge of the service. Burial at Calvary.

Theodore Sabaski.
The funeral of Theodore Sabaski took place yesterday morning from St. James' German Catholic church. Father Teppe conducted the service. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives. The pall bearers were selected from among the friends of the young man. The floral offerings were especially beautiful. Music was furnished by the regular church choir. Interment took place at Calvary.

NO OTHER
Specialist has ever made the reputation in this community that Dr. Appleman now enjoys. His thirteen years' practice here have been productive of much good and many are the cures who are always glad to say a good word in the doctor's behalf. The sick can have confidence in Dr. Appleman as he never misrepresents to them.

There are many, no doubt who have been thinking for a long time of consulting him, but through timidity or something else have put it off. They know they should see him hence should delay no longer. His consultation is free and you are sure of an honest opinion. He will be at the Brunswick Hotel, Decatur Monday, Jan. 22, 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Beats the Music Cure.
"To keep the body in tune," writes Mrs. Mary Brown, 20 Lafayette Place, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. "I take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are the most reliable and pleasant laxative I have found." Best for the stomach, liver and bowels. Guaranteed by J. E. King, Keene, and C. H. Walter, Druggists, 25c.

THE DEATH RECORD.
George H. Litz.
George H. Litz died yesterday afternoon at the residence of J. W. Litz, about two miles west of this city. Death was the result of consumption. He was 33 years of age, and leaves a wife and four children. They are Mrs. Charles Cook of this city, Miss Rita Litz of St. Louis, Miss Stella Litz of Lincoln and Leonard Litz of this city. The funeral will be held at the residence of Mr. Litz Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Burial will take place at Brush College cemetery.

Society Item
Hogswallow Kentucky! Miss Frazee Allison was the charming guest of Miss Cordelia Kellinger last Saturday night. Miss Frazee returned back home early Sunday morning with a dozen goose eggs.

Mutual Aid
At a banquet given to the delegates of Mutual Aid societies in Paris last week 25,000 bottles of red wine, 25,000 bottles of white wine, 25,000 bottles of beer and 10,000 bottles of champagne were provided, not every delegate reached his home in safety.

Americans Win.
Puluth, Minn., Jan. 17.—American rinks won the international trophy at hospital of the Northwestern Curling association here by a score of 105 to 101.

Allen's Lung Balsam
Will positively cure deep-seated Coughs, Colds and all Bronchial troubles passed relief by other means. \$1.00, 50c. and 25c. per bottle.

MURDERED HIS FAMILY AND BURNED HIS HOME

Charles Ayers Fired House to Hide Wholesale Slaughter and Killed Self.

Penbroke, N. M., Jan. 17.—Seven persons, all members of the family of Charles Ayers, are supposed to have perished in a fire which destroyed the Ayers farm house near here today. The bodies of a child and of Ayers' mother-in-law have been found and the ruins. Mrs. Ayers and four children are missing, and it is feared that they too are victims of the fire.

Probable Murder.
The theory of the authorities is that Ayers was a murderer, but up to a late hour tonight are unable to find any evidence to indicate the methods employed to wipe out the family. The charred fragments of only two of the victims has been recovered, although persons who visited the scene of the fire, thought they observed two other trunks in the blazing ruins. The victims were:

CHARLES F. AYERS, aged 43, killed himself by shooting.
MRS. ADDIE AYERS.
MRS. INAC LAKEMAN.
FLORENCE AYERS, aged 12 years.
ALFRED AYERS, aged 10.
BERNICE AYERS, aged 6.

Killed Himself.
The fire occurred about 9 o'clock in the morning and Ayers drove up to the home of his sister, Mrs. George Bailey in Chichester, six miles from his home just after 10. He remained there during the afternoon and was informed that his buildings had been burned, manifested some agitation. A moment later he shot himself in the right temple and fell unconscious. He died tonight.

From what they could learn from the ruins in the darkness, officials think it is probable that the inmates of the house died several hours before the fire was seen. A report that curtains had not been raised in the morning led to the theory that members of the household were killed some time before daylight.

It was learned at late tonight that when Ayers arrived at the home of his sister, he told her husband that he had had trouble, but refused to make any explanation.

Socially Speaking
The clerks from Williams Brothers' store and a few of their friends gave a dance last night in Cassell's new hall. There were about thirty-five couples present and a very interesting time was had by all. A large number of the club this season. The members are restricted entirely to married couples. All who wish to join will apply to Dr. J. W. Hall. The first dance will be given two weeks from tonight.

The Amicus club held their regular dance last night in the new Guards' Armory. There were about fifty couples present. Wisner and Deek furnished excellent music for the occasion. It was an enjoyable event.

The "All Year Round" dancing club is being reorganized and will hold regular dances in the new Guards' Armory every other Thursday night. Last winter there were about forty members in the club and something over half of the same ones have become members of the club this season. The members are restricted entirely to married couples. All who wish to join will apply to Dr. J. W. Hall. The first dance will be given two weeks from tonight.

Invitations are out announcing a reception to be given by Mrs. William P. Shinde and Mrs. Walter R. Shinde at the farmer's home, 340 East Wood street, next Tuesday afternoon. About five hundred invitations have been issued and it will be an all afternoon affair.

The Bachelor Rifles club will hold their regular meeting tonight at the home of Miss Anna Manning, 57 West Wood street. Progressively entire will be the order of entertainment and luncheon will be served.

Mrs. Frank Ruckel of South Webster street, will entertain the members of the Epure Naus club Friday afternoon. The ladies meet each week at the home of one of the members, where they exchange ideas of fancy work.

Mrs. Harry Stigall, 738 West Highland avenue, assisted by Miss Addie Adams entertained a small company of friends last evening. Cards and music were provided to entertain the company and refreshments were served. The company included Albert Koder, Etna Siffer, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barker, Louis Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. John Burdon and Mr. and Mrs. Cowden.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ballinger were pleasantly surprised at their home, three miles west of Mt. Zion, on Saturday, Jan. 13, the occasion being their twentieth wedding anniversary. Those present were Mrs. Mary Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Stokel and children, Miss Lola Eckel, Bert and Homer Hill of near Elwin. Those from Decatur were Mrs. Maggie Jocke, Mrs. Susie Stogers, Mrs. Elizabeth Law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris and children, Mrs. Julia Knight and Maude Davis. They all went with well filled baskets and at noon a sumptuous dinner was spread. Many useful gifts were received, including china, glassware and linens. The afternoon was spent socially with music, both vocal and instrumental.

At their home at 717 West Eldorado street on Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boardoff entertained a party of friends at a club party. The guests included Charles Schumage and wife, Henry Mueller and wife, Fred Perry and wife, and Miss Mamie McManahan. Light refreshments were served.

MINERS ARE IN SESSION

Feature of Report Will Be Demand For Increase In Wages.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 17.—The organization of a wage scale committee, which was effected at a meeting to night, was the first step toward payment of business of the convention of the United Mine Workers. This committee has been subdivided and at a meeting of the general committee, reports of these sub-committees will be filed and demands of the miners placed in proper form and reported to the convention Saturday or Monday. An increase of wages will be the principal feature of the report.

PAST CHANCELLOR WHITING THERE
Macon Lodge Knights of Pythias Hold Installation.
Special Correspondence.
Macon, Ill., Jan. 17.—Bacon Lodge No. 434, K. of P., held a public installation in proper form and a banquet to their hall. The lodge held a short business session at six o'clock and this was followed by the installation. Past Grand Chancellor Whiting of Canton was present and gave a very interesting address. Following the installation a sumptuous banquet was served and this proved the feature of the evening. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. The K. of P. band furnished the music. A number of visitors from surrounding towns were present.

LAMP TOOK FIRE AND CAUSED ALARM
Excitement But No Damage at T. W. Cann's Home.
Last night at about half past eight o'clock a kerosene lamp in the residence of T. W. Cann, 1729 North Main street became unruly. Flames flared up almost to the ceiling and Mrs. Cann becoming alarmed, turned in a fire alarm. Firemen from houses Number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 4

